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ADENYLATE KINASE CATALYTIC ACTIVITY

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

SECOND AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116

Responsive to the Office Action dated July 2, 2002, and the Advisory Action dated October 29, 2002, entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are requested; the period for response having been extended up to and including March 2, 2003, by submission of the requisite three month extension petition, extension fee, Notice of Appeal and Notice of Appeal fee, attached.

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend the claims as follows:

Cancel claims 47-57, without prejudice.

Add the following claims: